

# THE CHURCH OF GOD EVANGEL

"And when the day of Pentecost was fully come they were all with one accord in one place," Acts 2:1. "And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost and began to speak with other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance" Acts 2:4

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## F. J. Lee General Overseer and Workers Are Conducting Great Convention at Nassau, Bahamas

### BEAR THE IMAGE OF THE HEAVENLY

LOVE IS THE FOUNDATION—GO ON TO PERFECTION.

Mrs. Ida McCoy

1 Cor. 15:49, "And as we have borne the image of the earthly, we shall also bear the image of the heavenly." I praise God for this Scripture, but listen dear ones we must bear the image of Jesus right here in this old sin-cursed world; be patient, pure and holy like Him; have the same mind: suffer with Him; obedient as He was; reflect His image in goodness, meekness, holiness; no guile was found in His mouth. It takes all of this to bear the image of the heavenly.

So many of us are falling short in one or more of these things. We must be fully developed, changed into His image. The Church of God, the bride of Christ, must be fully developed.

Some are being developed on one thing, others on something else. We have so many negatives in the Church of God today undeveloped, and why so? the material we have on hand is not sufficient. We may get some films in (sinners) soon that will prove to be the very material needed for the perfection of the Church of God, or the bride of Christ. Jesus cannot come after us if there are spots or wrinkles or any such things.

I thank God for the improvement in the church during the thirteen years that I have been a member. While our hearts ache when we think of the many that have fallen by the wayside and are still falling, but it only makes us nestle a little closer to Jesus and get warmth and shelter under His wings.

We must endure the scoffs and jeers of the world and still be patient and kind toward all men. Love suffers long and is kind. Oh, praise the Lord for the sweetness and assurance of the child of God that is being developed in His image day by day, as clay in the potter's hands just fashioned as He wills. Shaped in the image of the earthly He will lead us on to perfection, and we can be strong men; can eat strong meat; be valiant soldiers, and not stagger at the promises of God.

One of these precious promises is found in John 14:12, "Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on me, the works that I do shall he do also; and greater works than these shall he do; because I go unto my Father." Come on brothers and sisters let's go on to perfection. Love is the foundation; be sure you have it. Earnestly contend for the faith once delivered to the saints is the advice of Brother Jude.

It is something we must press into; seek to excel; run that we obtain the prize; diligently seek the gifts of the Spirit, the Holy Ghost being our leader and guide. He will take us through some dark places to exercise our faith; over some rough places to prove our endurance and faithfulness; over some narrow places to shake everything off not like Him; up some steep places to get us to rely on Him more fully for help, and through some fiery trials to purge away the dross.

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### GOD'S LOVE AND OUR TRIALS

Our comforts vie with the number of our sorrows, and win the game.

The mercies of God passed over in a gross sum breed no admiration; but cast up the particulars, and then arithmetic is too dull an art to number them.

As many dusts as a man's hand can hold, is but his handful of so many dusts; but tell them one by one, and they exceed all numeration. It was but a crown which King Solomon wore; but weigh the gold, tell the precious stones, value the richness of them, and what was it then?—Selected.

### PENNSYLVANIA ENLARGING HER BORDERS

New Church Set In Order—24 Members.

BOYNTON, Pa.—I am glad to report a new church set in order at Boynton, Pa., March 14.

When I outlined the teachings and government and gave them the opportunity of coming forward to take the right hand of fellowship, twenty-four came forward. Bro. J. W. Tanner, who had been a minister in the Church of God in Christ came forward, also Sister Hartman, an evangelist from Keyser, W. Va., and is now a member of the Church of God.

Both are applying for credentials in the Church of God. Bro. Tanner has had the Pentecostal experience for twelve years and says he is now better fixed, and stronger in God now than ever before.

As we lifted our hands toward heaven praising God the power sure did fall, some said they had never seen it on that fashion before.

On March 15, four more were added to our number which makes twenty-eight, and more to come in soon. 1925 is surely God's year.—H. W. Potat.

### THE LORD BLESSING IN PENNSYLVANIA

VOLANT, Pa.—We went to Leesburg, Pa., and the folks said we could not preach the Church of God doctrine there, so we prayed for two weeks, and at the end of two weeks, the Catholics sent for us and told us we could have their hall, to preach in as long as we wanted to, and it would not cost us a penny. Praise Jesus! So husband and myself went there and preached the Word in its fulness, sowed the seed and was there for six days and nights.

On account of such bad weather, the roads so very muddy and automobiles could not travel, some of the people secured the school building for ten nights, and the house was full each night, the Lord worked in a wonderful way, and they said they had never heard such gospel before.

The power of God was manifested. People were inquiring for a clean cut paper and we told them about the Evangel and distributed some tracts and Evangel among them.

Four were saved and two were sanctified. Pray for us and that husband will receive the Holy Ghost.—Louise Ruark, evangelist.

### A FRIEND'S LOVE

While We Were In Sin Jesus Died For Us.

John E. Attey

"Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends." St. Jno. 15:13.

As I read this passage of Scripture, there comes to my mind an incident that occurred during the Civil war. A farmer was drawn to be a soldier, and was much grieved about it, not because he was a coward but on account of his motherless family who would have no breadwinner or care taker in his absence.

The day before he was to march to the town where the conscript names were called, their clothing and weapons given them for the campaign, young Mr. Durham, a neighbor, came saying, "Farmer Blake, I will go instead of you," the farmer was astonished in so much that he was unable to reply for some time.

He stood leaning one hand on his spade and wiping the perspiration from his brow with the other. It seemed too good to be true, at least he took it in the deliverance as if it were an angel of light in a dark dungeon, and he grasped the hand of young Durham and praised God.

The young fellow went feeling that he was doing a noble deed, and all the village came out to bid him "God speed."

It may be that he thought to have glory before him—the sash of a general, the chair of the president, or whatever his ideas might have been he nobly took the place of his fellowman; but alas, in the first battle he was shot and killed!

When the farmer saw in the newspaper the name of Charles Durham on the list of "missing" he at once saddled his old horse and went off to the battlefield, and after searching for some time, found the body of his friend. He brought it to his own village, to the little church-yard in which they had so often walked together to the house of God, and from the quarry upon the hill he cut out a large marble tablet on which he carved an inscription with his own hand. It was roughly done but with each blow there fell a tear from his eyes. There in the little church-yard he placed the body of his devoted friend and substitute, and covered the grave with grass sods from his garden.

Then, while the tears dropped, he put the marble tablet on the grave, and when the villagers stopped to see the little monument, they also wept. It did not say much, but it deeply touched them, these were the words placed upon it: "C. D. He died for me."

As this young man made the supreme sacrifice for his friend, how much like this is that of our Redeemer who, when we were all under the death sentence, stepped in the breach and died for us, that we through His death might live for while we were in sin, in bondage to Satan, Christ died for us: "For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord." Rom. 6:23.

"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life." John 3:16.

A young soldier was shot on

the battlefield, and dragged by a comrade aside to die. He closed his eyes and all his past life flashed before him, it seemed but an instant of time. He looked forward and saw eternity like a great gulf ready to swallow him up, with his sins as so many weights sinking him deeper and deeper.

Suddenly a lesson, which his pious mother taught him when a little boy at her knee, stood before him in shining letters. It was a lesson which he had heard repeated again and again; she was never tired of imprinting it on his memory before she passed away, it was her only legacy.

In the gayety of life he had forgotten, had lost his hold on it, but it had never quite lost its hold on him; and now in the hour of peril, it threw out to him a rope of mercy. What was it? John 3:16. He caught the rope, it seemed to be let down from heaven, until he died a few hours after, he said little but this one prayer: "Lord, I believe: save me or I perish!" A prayer uttered by the penitent soul is never in vain.

Brethren it will pay us to never forget our friend who died for us, but if it has happened so with us as it did with the young man just referred to, who in the gayety of life lost sight of Him, surely the perils of life in the age in which we now live, is sufficient to bring men to their senses that they would grasp the rope (the Word of God) and nestle close to the rock, that they might find rest and comfort and eternal life through Him.

A lady was conversing with a workman, and found that he was a Christian. She asked, "How long have you been thus rejoicing?" "Six months ago," he said, "I heard a sermon on the words 'Whosoever believeth hath everlasting life.' I would not take it to myself, but when I went home that night, I dreamed that 'whosoever' meant me. I came out of bed, and found the Bible to see the words, and there was, 'Whosoever.'"

"But you knew it was in the Bible didn't you?" "Yes, but I wanted to see it with my own eyes, and I have been happy ever since."

Now it is our friend Jesus who makes it possible for us to see with our own eyes, and feel with our own hearts and to know of a surety that we have been redeemed from the power of sin and death, and have been made fit subjects for life and immortality. Let us even love and serve Him in such a way as to prove to Him that we appreciate the favor that He hath bestowed on us. We do this by submitting ourselves unto God and His law, also by submitting ourselves one to another in the fear of the Lord. "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me." Matt. 25:40.

### 42 MEMBERS—

### OTHERS COMING

WELLSTON, Ohio.—I just want to thank God for Bro. and Sister Cadell coming to our town. They are doing a great work here, we have 42 members now and prospects for many more. Our church build-

### SICK SHEEP FOLLOW ANY ONE

When the shepherd in Scotland was asked if his sheep would follow the voice of a stranger, he replied: "Yes, when they are sick; but never when they are well. A sick sheep will follow anybody."

Just so as with a Christian. As long as a Christian keeps himself in a healthy condition by feeding on God's Word and by exercising in his fields of activity there will be little danger of his going off after the "faddists" and false teachers of his age.

It is when his ears become diseased—when he has contracted ear itch—that he becomes restless and dissatisfied with his Master.—Selected.

### A LOVING TRIBUTE TO THE ORPHANAGE MATRON

NIGHTINGALE, Ala.—So many times I have felt impressed to send my testimony to the Evangel but kept putting it off. I praise the Lord for the Holy Ghost which I received twelve years ago. I am glad that I cleaned up the temple so that He could come in and stay.

So many receive the blessing and go back in sin, but he that endures to the end shall be saved. I have gone through many hard tests and have found it true that Jesus will never leave us or forsake us. If we will stay humble He will be near us. I praise the Lord because I am determined to go all the way with Him.

I enjoyed reading dear Sister Kinsey's article in the Evangel. I have known her for twelve years. She was baptized with the Holy Ghost in my home. It was revealed to me that some day the Church of God would have an orphanage and that she would be the matron of the home. I praise God for her, I really believe the Lord has led her in the position she occupies to-day.

I never met a more consecrated woman than Sister Kinsey. I truly love her. She, Sister Brown and myself have fought many battles together on our knees, and the Lord answered our prayers. Praise His dear name. May the Lord continue to keep and bless her in my prayer.—Minnie Ivens.

### ENLARGING DAHLONEGA CHURCH

This is the first time I have sent in a report. But as I can send in a good report it rejoices my heart to do so.

We are thanking God that He is blessing in the work at Dahlonega and it seems we hear the sound of an "abundance of rain." So we have to enlarge our borders, in other words we have to build our church larger.

We know when the dear ones that love the little church at Dahlonega read this they will rejoice. We thought they might want to help us. Any of the Lord's money you feel led to send us dear ones, we will receive with thankful hearts.—Ella Fry Holt, servant of the Church of God at Dahlonega, Ga.

ing is too small, many have to go away on account of not having standing room.

People seem to be real hungry for the Word. Please pray for Bro. and Sister Cadell as they are laboring very hard for the upbuilding of the Church of God.—Mrs. Anna Sifers

### The Armour of Saul Would Not Fit David

The Church Getting Back Into the Old Paths.

Earl A. Cripps

"And David said unto Saul I cannot take these for I have not proved them." The simplicity of David's weapon and his dependence upon an almighty God was the secret of his success.

Like him we can take our little pebbles John 3:16, James 5:14, Acts 2:4, Matt. 5:6, 7, 8, and bring down all the Goliath's of unbelief.

The words "in season and out of season" is the secret of the church's strength. Any deviation from it undermines the whole structure.

Any doubt as to God's ability to perform any of its promises would destroy faith for their universal acceptance. Any precedent in the life of Jesus or the Acts of the apostles to the contrary would be a paradox that would make it of none effect. How could people have faith to be saved if they were not sure that God wanted to save them? How could people have faith to be healed if they were not sure that God wanted to heal them? How could people have faith to be baptized if they were not sure that God is more willing to give the Holy Spirit to them that ask Him than an earthly father is to give gifts to his children?

It is only those who are wrestling the scriptures, that are cheating themselves out of the baptism with this Scripture "Do all speak with tongues?" out of healing, with Paul's "thorn in the flesh"; out of salvation, with "predestination", or out of any other precious promise.

There is salvation for all. "For God so loved the world, that He gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life." There is healing for all, for Jesus, "Himself took our infirmities and bare our sicknesses."

There is an outpouring of the Spirit for all, "He shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost and fire." The promises, signs, gifts, and fruits are for all or God would be a respecter of persons. The utterances of those that do not believe in them are always characterized by unbelief. It pays to turn the other cheek and return good for evil.

The signs will follow those that care enough to point the lame, halt and blind to the right source of deliverance. They that speak with new tongues can interpret and prophesy. All may not speak with tongues in a revival because the Spirit divides Himself as He wills. The promises are for all people or God could not honor a George Muller for not laying up treasures upon earth, and they that live godly in Christ Jesus as Paul, will receive the same buffetings in the flesh that they may not come into condemnation of Satan.

The time of sham battles with tin soldiers clanking around in Saul's armour has passed. God is looking for a people after His own heart who are not ashamed of His gospel that He might confirm it with signs following. The return of the Lord demands that Jesus be lifted up in order that He might draw all men unto Him.

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Our new book, **THE BIBLE CHURCH**, is meeting with great favor. To read it is to appreciate it. Price single copy 50c, special rate in quantities.

We have not yet received a decision on the Church litigation. Many of our people are anxious to know the outcome, but there is nothing that we can do only just to be patient and wait for the announcement.

All of our Sunday schools that have not yet ordered their supply of literature for the second quarter should do so at once. Our new booklet, **BIBLE TRAINING FOR CHILDREN**, has been introduced in a number of Sunday schools and met with great success. Price 15c each, special rate in quantities.

Some of our ministers and workers have been very active in soliciting subscriptions and renewals for the **CHURCH OF GOD EVANGEL**, for which we are very grateful. Remember the special club rate, three or more, \$1.00 per year each. Send for a supply of subscription blanks.

I am sure that those who have read page 16 of Jennie B. Rushin's circular will now understand better the cause of the delay, and the order of the Elders' Council for her standing to be investigated, hence the delay in sending her further support. If the other fellow was wrong his deeds could not be made right by the misdeeds of another. Consistency, thou art a jewel.

T. S. Payne, Superintendent of the Bible Training School, local and by correspondence, is making a tour of the "Land of Sunshine and Flowers." Our last message from him was from the beautiful city of Ft. Myers, where the South Florida camp meeting is soon to convene. Brother Griffin, the pastor, may persuade him to stay over.

F. J. Lee, General Overseer of the Church of God is now in the City of Nassau, Bahama Islands to hold a convention for the Churches of God in the Bahama Islands. He is accompanied by Clint Chambers and wife, Nannie Ruth Hagewood and Vivian Hawthorn. We will expect many words from them on their return by way of description of their trip to the regions beyond.

It is advised that all of our Churches designate a special time for offerings for the payment and maintenance of the **CHURCH OF GOD ORPHANAGE AND CHILDREN'S HOME**. Some have designated the fourth Sunday, and advised that all give the amount equal to 1c for each year that all of the members of the family are old. We still have a supply of the little orphanage banks used by the Sunday schools, one for each class, furnished free. Order of this office.

## SUFFER LITTLE CHILDREN TO COME UNTO ME

Jno. C. Jernigan

"But Jesus said, Suffer little children, and forbid them not, to come unto me: for of such is the kingdom of heaven." Matt. 19:14.

From the above words of Jesus we would believe that there is nothing in this old sinful world that resembles a heavenly angel more than a little child, for as He has said of such is the kingdom of heaven; but many people have never been able to understand how they can be so innocent with that carnal mind inbred within them that compels them to lie and get mad, but that problem can be solved by a close study of God's Word, so to explain the redemption of the soul of the infant we will drop back to the familiar story of how Adam and Eve transgressed the law and brought a curse upon every child that is born into the world. From that first transgression every child has inherited that evil nature which begins to show itself from the birth of the child, as David said: "Behold, I was shapen in iniquity; and in sin did my mother conceive me." Ps. 51:5.

Now it is not only David but we were all conceived in sin but it was not for something we had or had not done, nor something that we would do in the future, but it is that curse that we inherited from Adam and Eve. So a child before coming to the years of accountability is in no wise responsible for the curse, although that carnal mind can never enter heaven, and the infant has no faith to believe in God for its redemption, neither is it necessary for it to have, so I will undertake to explain how the child might be saved without any effort of its own.

As through the transgression and disobedience of the first man, Adam, the holy state of man was lost and spiritual death, as well as natural entered into the world, so in the second man Adam who was the Lord from heaven (Jesus) was found a large portion of that which was lost in the first, that is, the redemption of the soul from that sinful nature or the resurrection from spiritual death to spiritual life as well as from natural death to a spiritual glorified body.

Now, since the redemption of the soul has been brought back to perfection through the blood of Christ, and the invitation to the fountain is "Whosoever will, let him come and drink of the water of life freely," we would believe that God is no respecter of persons and would that all men would be saved, and further believe that the child who has no knowledge of God's plan of redemption would not be cut off and sent to hell for something someone else had done six thousand years ago over which it had no control, but we will accept the truth, that Jesus has shed His own blood and has said, "Suffer little children to come unto me and forbid them not," and His love was, and is so great for them, that the blood will atone for them until they come to the knowledge of the truth, for they are walking in all the light they have, and when the Lord calls one of them home the atoning blood will cleanse it from that carnal mind, for which they were not responsible, but if the child lives the grace of God will finally appear to it and teach it that all men should live soberly, righteously and godly in this present world and then it will naturally become responsible because it will know right from wrong and then God will give it a call to accept the blood.

I well remember when I first realized myself a sinner before God. I was about ten years of age, sitting in a Methodist church when the Lord gave me my first call, but like most children at the first call I turned away.

Children who have been reared in Christian homes will probably come to the years of accountability at an earlier age than those who have had no Christian training.

Please pray for my son who is away from home. He is in trouble and sick also. Pray for God to save and heal him.  
Mrs. Ona B. Jones, Damascus, Ga.

## It Will Not Do To Hobo Thru And Not Pay Your Tithes

Annie M. Lindsey

COLUMBUS, Ga.—"For whosoever shall keep the whole law, and yet offend in one point, he is guilty of all." Jas. 2:10. For not the hearers of the law are just before God but the doers of the law shall be justified. Be zealous of the Word and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves. "For if any man be a hearer of the word, and not a doer, he is like unto a man beholding his natural face in a glass. For he beholdeth himself, and goeth his way, and straightway forgetteth what manner of man he was." Jas. 1:22, 23. "And why call ye me, Lord, Lord, and do not the things which I say." In the face of this Scripture a feeling steals over my being, that makes me want to obey all the Word.

We are in one of the greatest trials of our life and want to make good our race as we run toward heaven. Now most any of us will agree that the full and complete plan of salvation is outlined in the Bible that we love so well, and will agree that we need justification, sanctification and the baptism with the Holy Ghost. We also agree that we need to be in the Church of God, the body of our Lord, and many other things I could mention but listen! right here, I am going to say something which is this, many are leaving off a very important part of salvation, one that is as important as sanctification, yea, the Holy Ghost and that is, paying tithes.

I guess some one has already said, "there you go on money," but listen, brother, I am insisting that you just give God what belongs to Him by indefeasible right, that which you have kept back by fraud, which is needed to send the gospel over the world. Oh, how can I keep the victory, shout, dance and talk in tongues with God's money in my possession? I say such rejoicing as that is not honored by God's Word, and I want to be a vessel of honor or none at all. Church of God members let us examine ourselves and see if we are loyal to her doctrine and all her teachings, if not we are not in full fellowship with the Church of God, or at least I would not feel like I was if I had robbed some fellow.

When a robber comes thru your city and breaks into a grocery store or some bank, and carries off a portion of its valuable coins or something else that it contains, everybody is yelling out, (Church people too) "That robber should be caught and suffer, he should be punished," but since God does not speak like a natural man, and has no policemen to catch His robbers some are saying, I can shout and I don't pay tithes, but remember some can shout over anything.

But my Bible teaches in 1 Cor. 6:10 that no thieves shall inherit the kingdom of God, so I have decided that I can't rob God and get through so I will just pay my tithes and not be a robber any longer, for I want to inherit the kingdom, don't you? If so, quit shouting "till you pay up," and then a real shout will start in your soul that will be good for time and eternity.

I never like to see a robber shout or thieves jumping, for a thief that has jumped God's Word to get out of paying his tithes, is not to be trusted for he may jump into your home and cause disturbance or into a flock and devour some of the lambs. No matter how high he may jump, you can hear God's tithes ringing, and the higher he jumps the louder they ring.

Oh, say, if we hear anything ringing that has not got a joyful sound, let's examine it and see if God's tithes have not been stolen and is telling on us. You may say, "My pastor doesn't need them," but that is not the idea, you need the blessing. Paying tithes brings about a greater blessing than you have ever received before. Some think because their pastor is not on starvation that he doesn't need any tithes. Now it has come to pass that some expect their pastor to fast quite a good deal, which I here admit that

fasting is good for teachers, especially pastors but it doesn't seem so good when he is fasting because he is compelled to, yet when he goes to the stand and all seat themselves with ears open (not hearts every time) to hear a good juicy, sermon and if he has become so weak that he can't deliver a message in a loud voice some will be heard grumbling and writing to Headquarters for a new pastor. Poor fellow, they will say, "I am sorry for him, but how much? Are we sorry enough to quit feasting off of our pastor's tithes while he is having to fast? If so, pay up and let your pastor shout awhile."

I have failed to preach tithes as I should, and if God will forgive me for my failure I mean to bear down a little harder than ever before, because it is our duty, we will be blessed if we pay to God what is His own. It is not our money and when we pay our tithes it is not a gift as many might say, but just God's own part.

When we pay our grocery bills the grocery man generally gives us a gift of some kind, why does he do it? Because you have paid him your bill, now if you want God to give you a blessing that your heart can hardly hold, just give God His tithes, and if He doesn't bless you, you can bankrupt heaven. So come on, don't let the other fellow get all the blessing but pay up and get your part of the blessing. It just won't do, to hobo through and leave off paying your tithes.

## MARCHING AROUND THE WALLS—GREAT VICTORY

BRISTOL, Tenn.—We have just closed a four weeks' revival at the Church of God at Bristol, Tenn., where God wonderfully blest and won a battle for us that we shall not soon forget.

At the first, it seemed that we were just marching around a wall, but God threw the walls down and gave us the victory over all.

The folks began to get hungry for the blessing, and many prayed through to God. Fifteen were saved, fourteen sanctified, nine received the Holy Ghost and ten were added to the Church of God.

It closed with communion service and feet washing, and in this service the power seemed to be greatest. We gave an altar call, some prayed through and one woman fell under the power and stayed for hours.

Many were convinced that the Church of God is right. Our pastor, Ed Johnson did most of the preaching. Bro. Prickett preached three times.—Leta Poole.

## NEW CHURCH SET IN ORDER—25 MEMBERS

KATHLEEN, Fla.—I am praising the Lord for full and free salvation, the kind that we really know about.

I am saved, sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost and I do know that He is worthy of His name, "The Comforter," and certainly is a sweet experience.

I received the Holy Ghost only a few days ago and have been very happy ever since, also my chum received the blessing last night and we are the only young people in this way here at Kathleen, but I'm so glad that I'm serving a God that will hear and answer prayer, and can keep in the hour of temptation and the snares of the evil one.

Our little church here was set in order January 14, with only 13 members but we now have 25 with others to follow.

The Lord is blessing us here, and we have a good Sunday school, also Bible study twice a month.

I intend to live for the Lord and serve Him in the beauty of holiness, and ask an interest in your prayers that I may prove true to Jesus.—Beatrice Roberts.

## THE LORD LOVETH A CHEERFUL GIVER

J. J. Wedgeworth

It is a wonderful thing in these last days of unbelief and all the combined powers of darkness that are sweeping over the world to cause men to doubt the Word of God, that right in the midst God is manifesting Himself in a most wonderful way in saving the lost, sanctifying believers and baptizing them with the Holy Ghost, healing the sick and granting the results that should follow the gospel of Jesus Christ.

After being in the religious work for about thirty years and now taking a retrospective view of the past, I have come to the conclusion that it is more faith that people need. We find that we are too apt to hunt the easy places. We may think we don't do this and be honest in our belief, but self is so subtle and deceitful that it takes deep consecration, long patience to de-throne the self principles which live in the earthly man. It can be detected by modes and dispositions where we never expect to discover it. In the days when Christ was here among men we find that multitudes followed for the loaves and fishes. Few followed just to do His will.

It is mighty easy to go from church to church, know just where you are going and about what reception you will receive when you arrive.

These hearty welcomes we certainly do appreciate but if we don't watch as well as pray, we are apt to become more visitors than followers of Jesus. The office of the evangelist is progressive and the evangelist must be very radical to hold his office: he is more apt to make enemies than friends. To evangelize means to go out and take new fields, meet the enemy face to face, in other words press the battle to the gate.

The office of an evangelist is not very remunerative either, some one else comes along and reaps the proceeds of his labor. "Who then is Paul, and who is Apollos, but ministers by whom ye believed, even as the Lord gave to every man?"

I have planted, Apollos watered; but God gave the increase." Very often we have to act the part of a cunning fisherman to get to preach at all, and then after delivering the message the enemy is so aroused we cannot take time to get a collection, we often do well to escape with our lives.

Then the evangelist cannot always have the proper respect to neatness in dress, and you know the world has a way more or less of respecting people by what they wear. They don't look at the inward man, the heart.

His hat and clothes play a large part, and he is often snubbed on account of his clothing. But to sum it all up, it is all suffering for Jesus, and suffering that the local preacher or pastor who has a loving congregation to support him knows little about.

The Lord can speak to us and tell us to go to a certain place, we begin to pack our grip at once to start. We cannot wait to write and tell them that the Lord said for us to go there, but we must get ready and go right then, very often not knowing what kind of a place or home we are going to; not knowing even what the Lord will want done when we get there; sometimes it is just to pray for some poor insignificant person, as the world counts men, but the Bible says, "God is no respecter of persons." As we near the place we begin to fear and quake, wondering what kind of reception we are going to get.

We hold on to that Scripture where it says, peace be unto this house, Lord bind the enemy. Often they will say, we have just been praying for some one to come. That makes us feel good and we begin to thank God and feel more at home. It may be we will get to preach a few nights, walk and visit homes in the daytime, plead and pray with them and sometimes the whole family will be down sick, we pray for them and they are able to get up, then after all may be one member of the family will come with a small offering and say I am sorry I can't do any more, they have not sold their cotton yet or some excuse

## SAUL'S ARMOUR WOULD NOT FIT DAVID

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to Himself. So He is coupling up a latter rain express that will put to shame all the locals that have run ahead, marked, "If we preach divine healing, the baptism of the Holy Ghost, the sermon on the Mount, etc., we cannot be popular with the world." He is getting the church back into the middle of the road and into the old paths.

## NO MAN CAN TAME THE UNRULY TONGUE

Mrs. J. W. Lowery.

James the faithful servant of God and our Lord Jesus Christ had no doubt suffered from the cruel words of unruly tongues by those who had never been perfected in love, had never been deeply consecrated, in other words, people who had not paid the full price by plunging beneath the crimson flood, by not tarrying till the Comforter—the Holy Ghost came in and took possession, filling them with perfect love as the blessed Holy Ghost would use the tongue to praise our living and all powerful Christ, and speak kind and gentle words instead of harsh cutting words. James tells us in the 3d chapter, "The tongue is a fire, a world of iniquity: so is the tongue among our members, that it defileth the whole body, and setteth on fire the course of nature; and it is set on fire of hell."

For every kind of beasts, and of birds, and of serpents, and of things in the sea, is tamed, and hath been tamed of mankind; but the tongue can no man tame; it is an unruly evil, full of deadly poison."

O, what a horrible state to be in friends. If any who chance to read this has such a spirit as to spit out words that will burn the hearts of people like the fires of hell I beg you in Jesus' dear name to stay at the foot of the old rugged cross and plead the blood until that unruly tongue is under perfect control. Thanks be to God. No man can tame the tongue but Jesus can.

We see Him as He hung dying, suffering and giving His precious life blood to redeem the lost from the curse of sin. Glory be to His name.

He was nailed to the cross, the atonement was complete and He can tame the tongue for every one, for when we accept this Christ for our own and let Him have His way He soon changes things in our whole life and fills our heart with love divine. Ah, we should mend our ways so that we can be more like our blessed Saviour who was our example.

follows. Getting by you see. The spirit of ingratitude is ruining the religious world.

The lay members sit at home by their warm fires, enjoying the blessings of the Lord and the good things of the world, and wonder why the Lord doesn't do more for them, and at the same time expects the poor evangelist to feed himself or get the necessities of life with the meager sum given him I believe in paying tithes, there's a blessing promised to the one who will and we know that those who don't pay tithes cannot feel good down in their souls for the Word of God is too plain on it.

The Lord loves a cheerful giver, "Give, and it shall be given unto you; good measure, pressed down, and shaken together, and running over, shall men give into your bosom."

The Bible says we should all pay tithes. "Now concerning the collection for the saints, as I have given orders to the churches of Galatia, even so do ye. Upon the first day of the week let everyone of you lay by him in store, that there be no gatherings when I come." 1 Cor. 16:1-2.

See, you will be left without any excuse if you follow the Word.

It is also expected of the evangelist to pay tithes or tithes, but how shall he pay when he has nothing to pay? This year we have done manual labor in order to obtain money to go to the places that the Lord sent us. When I see souls getting through to God, and the Lord blesses my work in many ways I feel like shouting glory that I am accounted worthy to suffer for Him that I might gain that home He has prepared for me,



## Fifteen Years Ago

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### GOD'S TENTH

In touching the question of giving, we touch the most vital point pertaining to the consecration and spiritual power of the Church. In saying this we speak from experience, as we certainly speak according to Scripture. "Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse . . . and prove me now herewith, saith the Lord of hosts, if I will not open the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing that there shall not be room enough to receive it." Here, plainly, the giving of tithes is made the condition of an abundant outpouring of the Spirit.

The spiritualizing method of interpreting Scripture, which robs us of so much vital truth by frittering away its meaning in metaphor and simile, has often robbed us of the real significance of this text.

Prayer, testimony, effort, self-denial—how often do we hear these duties mentioned as summing up and fulfilling the requirement of tithes!

But "tithes" means money or other property of equivalent value; and the effusion of God's Spirit is here made contingent upon bringing in these tithes and paying up these dues to God. A tenth of his income was required of the Jew to be set apart, and sacredly devoted to God's treasury. And this was the first tenth, and not the last tenth; the first fruits, not the dregs and leavings. And while the amount is not specified in the New Testament, the same principle is carried over. "Upon

the first day of the week, let every one of you lay by him in store as God hath prospered him." (1 Cor. 18). Here is consecrated giving—laying by in store—a certain sum set apart, and which thereafter one should no more think of using for himself than he would think of taking the same sum from his neighbor's pocket. And here is proportionate giving—"As God hath prospered him." Ought the proportion to be any less under the gospel than under the law? Surely not, when we remember that we have as our exemplar One who, "though he was rich, yet for our sakes became poor, that we, through His poverty, might be rich"; and that we have the precept of this exemplar, which no ingenuity can explain away.

"Whosoever he be of you that forsaketh not all that he hath cannot be my disciple." In the light of such high standards, who can say that we ought not to give at least one tenth of our income to the Lord?

If any Christian who has never tried it will make the experiment conscientiously following it through to the end in prosperity and in adversity, we predict for him two surprises. First, he will be astonished at the increased amount which he is enabled by this method to give the Lord; and, secondly, he will be astonished at the increased spiritual and temporal prosperity which the Lord will give to him. For observe that here is an instance where the Lord actually makes a challenge to his people, and sets up a test case, saying, "Prove me now."—Selected.

### THE GOSPEL TRAIN

DETROIT, Mich.—I am on the highway of holiness, looking for greater things in the future. While we look out with our natural eye over this land of ours we would see many things to quell us with which the enemy confronts us, but if we are safely landed on this dear old gospel train, and filled with the Holy Ghost there is nothing that the enemy has ever been able to bring about that will reach the great old foundation on which we stand to-day. I have learned by my own experience that since God by His spirit and power has set my feet on the solid rock, Christ Jesus, the thought trials come thick and fast, and almost sends me to despair, and down in the bottom of my soul there lies a sweet rest that nothing has ever disturbed.

The enemy may kill this old body of ours but Paul said, "That if our earthly house of this tabernacle were dissolved, we have a building of God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens." O, glory to His matchless name. Dear sinners it is high time to awake and be ready to step on board this train. Hark! I hear the whistle, she's coming 'round the curve.

Our Lord came to this old earth, died and arose that we might have redemption, and sent His Spirit into this old dark world to seek and to save that which was lost. O, it's such a pity that now in this age of time, in the evening of time, when the world has almost run her race and God is still calling and is sending the Comforter of the Holy Ghost to speak to His people, that they will not hear.

O, that people would only listen to the voice of the Lord long enough that they might hear His earnest pleadings. There remaineth a rest for the people of God and if we faint not we shall reap in due time, but say, loved ones it is high time we were entering into our chambers and closing the door behind us that we might live ourselves for a few minutes for surely this is the day when our Redeemer is coming, and will punish the people that do not hearken to His call. Awake, awake, thou that sleepest arise from the dead and Christ shall give thee light. "I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me." "Awake thou that sleep-

### A WONDERFUL REVIVAL IN WEST VIRGINIA—32 RECEIVE HOLY GHOST

CANNELTON, W. Va.—We have just closed a 11 days' meeting here with our pastor, Bro. L. L. Vaught, in charge. The Lord was with him in giving out the Word, and it went forth to the congregation with such great force that sinners were made to see and realize that the great judgment day was coming upon all, and would find them unprepared.

The walls of Satan were torn down and they fell on their knees and cried out to God until they shouted victory.

Forty-two were saved, about thirty-two received the Holy Ghost, and thirty-three followed the Lord in water baptism.

We praise God for Bro. Vaught, he surely is a man of God, he is a shepherd that feeds the lambs, and knows how to place the food within their reach.—Mary E. Glenn.

### REVIVAL IN OHIO—PEOPLE STIRRED BY GOSPEL GIVEN

TOLEDO, Ohio.—We just closed a three weeks' meeting here in Toledo, Ohio.

Sister Helen L. Morrow, evangelist, of Canton, Ohio, wonderfully gave out the Word, in which seventeen were saved, eleven sanctified, six received the Holy Ghost, and six were added to the church.

The saints were wonderfully blest, danced under the power, talked in tongues, and many were healed.

On Sunday evening, March 8, we observed the Lord's supper and washing of the saints' feet, amidst many shouts and singing.

The people were stirred by the gospel messages being given out from night to night and we are expecting great things from this place in the future, from the seed that has been sown.—J. B. Bunkhart.

est," so many are asleep to-day.

The Lord promised us power after we received the Holy Ghost and He has fulfilled His promise, the Holy Ghost has kept me from partaking of the sinful things of the world thus far and O, how glad I am.

I want to stand true and help hold up the blood stained banner of Jesus. Pray for me.—Emma Black.

We have opened a mission in Anderson, S. C., on Quinn St. Sister Nettie Hanvey has just started a meeting here, we want everyone who reads this to pray for the success of the meeting.—M. A. Parker.

Be it known to all the Church of God people everywhere, that Mrs. Alder M. Daniels and J. W. Phillips known as Wesley Phillips are no longer ministers in the Church of God, and are no longer to be recognized thus.—J. A. Self, overseer of the Church of God.

This is to notify that Wesley Abbott is no longer a member of the Church of God, also that Elton Wright has been excluded.—J. S. Douglas, pastor; Pearlle Ables, clerk, Carbon Hill, Ala.

TENT FOR SALE.—I have a good tent for sale 50x60 cheap. Anyone wanting a tent write me at weatherford, Tex., 106 Hanover St.—George Asher.

To all my friends and all that would like to get in touch with me. My address is 1924 8th Ave., Huntington, W. Va., and all that want to send handkerchiefs or in any matter you want to write me, you can get me at this address.—L. G. Rouse.

Revival to begin at Morgantown, W. Va., March 22. L. G. Rouse in charge. Everybody welcome.—Carrie Kalb.

We are ready to receive calls for revivals. We stand foursquare for the Church of God, and its teaching. Please commune with me, and if it is the Lord's will, we'll answer every call.—H. L. Gillett and wife, Scobey, Miss.

Some members of the Church of God at Besoco have moved away and have not kept in communication with the church and we have lost their address.

We would appreciate a letter from them, or any one who knows their address or spiritual condition.

Names are as follows: Earl Meadows, Alice Wood, Alzy Vaden, Bertie Vaden.—J. I. Vaught, clerk, Besoco, W. Va.

The Church of God at Carbon Hill, Ala., wants to know the whereabouts and the spiritual condition of the following members:

Ira Croker, Teressee Gorden, Hattie Young, Mr. and Mrs. Rasmussen, Winston Hill, Ider Yates, Parlie Pratt, J. H. King, M. E. King, Bertie King, Allie Flippo, Florence Flippo, Tom Odum, Annie Abbott, Evie Williams, Annie Lou Odum, Irene Crowder, Bertha Crowder, N. J. Randolph, Annie Ingram. We want these to reply at an early date as we want to straighten our record. After a reasonable time if you have not responded the names will be dropped from the record. Hoping to hear from each one soon. I will gladly help you in any way I can. If you cannot be present write us a card or a letter letting the church know how you are getting along. Yours for the Church of God.—J. S. Douglas, pastor; Pearlle Ables, clerk, Carbon Hill, Ala.

The District Convention for the East Coast District of Florida colored work of the Church of God, will convene at West Palm Beach, April 16-19. We request that all the ministers, deacons, clerks to come and also that as many members as it is possible for them to be present. The Lord wonderfully blessed us in our district convention at Sanford, and we are looking for showers of blessings at this convention. I am sure He will not disappoint us. So come and remember the school and orphanage work. Pledges to the amount of \$276.16 was paid during the Sanford convention. Let us try to beat this at the next convention. Come one and all and don't leave your pocket-books at home. Yours for the Church of God.—David LaFleur.

Mrs. Ora Standred requests prayer for the healing of her sister, who has had three operations and needs help.

I want to make a special request for prayer for Sister Sallie O. Lee, who has been sick since leaving Rock Hill, S. C., in January. She has been confined to her bed since the first of February. She has suffered intensely.

Many times for weeks it seemed impossible that she would live, but at present writing is some better. Many of you know that she has been an evangelist for twenty-five years.

Please remember her daughter in prayer as she seems to be giving way in her body. She has had such a task on her hands for several weeks. Anyone wishing to assist her during this trying time, it will be very highly appreciated. She would be glad to receive letters from the saints. Address Columbia, S. C., Route 4, Box 253.—Mrs. Elliott Lee.

### DISTRICT CONVENTION AT LOGAN, W. VA.

We wish to announce that our Annual Easter revival will begin d. v. April 12, at the Church of God, at Logan, W. Va., and continue to April 29. We wish to invite all to come and be with us in this meeting that can come, this will be a good time to get your baptism of the Holy Ghost as we are expecting a great time in the Lord, thirty received the Holy Ghost in our last revival.

We wish to further announce that our District Convention for the Logan District will begin at the Church of God at Logan, W. Va., April 30, and continue over Sunday, May 3. On Sunday, May 3, we will have the dedication of the new brick church, at 11 a. m., and Sunday, May 3, at 3 p. m., we will have the dedication of the new church building at Mud Fork.

We invite all the ministers and saints of our neighbor churches, districts or states to come and be with us on this occasion. If you want to come and seek God in these meetings, write us at the address given below.—E. C. Clark, pastor, Logan, W. Va., Box 1424.

### THE LORD BLESSED IN SERVICES AT STURGIS

STURGIS, Miss.—I want to praise and thank God for the services we have been having here at this place. Bro. J. J. Wedgeworth began services Tuesday and it continued until Thursday, and the Lord certainly did bless.

Bro. Wedgeworth is district overseer and he and wife will be here on Saturday before the 3d Sunday in April. If any one wants him to come to your place and preach, address him at Ackerman, Miss., Route 3, care Wade Wood. Humbly your sister in Christ.—Mrs. Sunnie McHann.

### RAILROAD EVANGELIST STANDING TRUE

LITTLETON, W. Va.—I am at Littleton, W. Va., in a red hot revival. People are getting saved, sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost according to Acts 2:4. People are so enthused that we have not been able to seat the congregation. We surely have victory at this place and the devil is mad.

I am so glad that I am in this good old way, preaching the gospel foursquare.

I am a traveling evangelist, and mean to stand true till Jesus comes or calls and then I'll go shouting home to heaven.—Rev. G. W. Helmick.

### TRUSTING THE LORD FOR SIX YEARS

CHRISTOPHER, Ky.—I am glad that I still have salvation that keeps me from sin every day, and the Holy Ghost abides just now, and I feel like going all the way with Jesus.

I too am glad of my place in the Church of God of which I intend to stand true till Jesus comes or calls for me.

I know that God has power to heal our bodies and I have been trusting Him for both soul and body for six years, so pray for me to ever be willing for His will to be wrought in my life.

Pray for my unsaved children.—Anna Collins.

### BEAR THE IMAGE OF THE HEAVENLY

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Don't you see how all things work together for good to them that love the Lord? The gifts are set in the church; faith puts them in use. Exercise what faith you have that it may grow and abound; love, forgive, work, wait, pray, watch, never falter, never fear. Jesus will lead us on so that we can bear the image of the heavenly.

### ENJOYS READING TESTIMONIES IN EVANGEL

WADSWORTH, Tex.—I just want to sound a note of praise to God this morning through the Evangel, as it has been two and one half months since I have had the privilege of testifying, but I can say, that I am still thanking God for victory over sin and the devil, and am so glad that He is able to keep me anywhere I am.

I am living at a place where there are no Church of God people, or any services to go to, but praise God He still gives us victory and we have a peace that is undisturbed, but I have a longing in my heart for more of God, and am encouraged this morning to look away from the cross to the glittering crown that is waiting in heaven for me.

Jesus is all and all to me, a friend in need, a comforter indeed.

I have tried Him in trials and sickness and in death and He has proven to be my friend. If it wasn't for Jesus I wouldn't care to live, for the only joy I have is in serving Him. I can never praise Him enough for what He is to me, and I find it is always best to let Him have His way with me.

I want to be an instrument in His hands in saving souls.

I am so glad for the Evangel, it is so sweet to me to read the testimonies of others. It causes me to breathe a word of prayer for those that ask it, it does my soul good to read its pages and know that so many have the victory.

I am so glad that one day when I was in sin, He knocked on my heart and I let Him in, and I now have joy unspeakable and full of glory.

I ask an interest in your prayers that I will ever be true to Jesus. I realize the fight is on and if we will be true and faithful, we shall sing the victorious song at last.—Olive King.

### SUNDAY SCHOOL BOOMING

DILLON, S. C.—To the Church of God everywhere: I want to say right here that I am still on the Lord's side. Am not the least bit shaky, since Bro. Harry Whittington, our pastor, returned from Bible School. Our Sunday school is coming to the front, and we are also having some good services.

Please pray for me that we may all do our duty as Christians.—L. B. Owens.

### WELL PLEASED WITH PASTOR

EAST BANK, W. Va.—We praise the Lord for our little church at East Bank. We have eleven members with Bro. Laud L. Vaught as our pastor, and all are well pleased with him. We want everybody that reads this to pray that the Lord will wonderfully bless the work at this place this year.—Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Taler.

### IN MEMORY OF

"Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord."

#### JOHNSON

On Feb. 10, 1925, the death angel visited the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Whitten, Cascilla, Miss., and claimed a loving girl for its victim, whom they had reared since her mother died, Sister Willie Johnson. Age 22 years. She was a faithful member of the Church of God at Shady Grove, Miss., and leaves a father, two sisters and a host of relatives and friends to mourn her death. Sister Willie was a girl that had many friends and to know her was to love her, and will be greatly missed in the home and at service. We weep not as those who have no hope for we believe she is at rest.

She is lying on Jesus' breast, So happy in that home; She has crossed the other shore, So peacefully now at rest.

All is dark within our dwelling, Lonely are our hearts to-day; For the one we loved so dearly, Has forever passed away.

A precious one from us is gone, A voice we loved is still; A chair is vacant in our home, That never can be filled. —Mrs. Beckie J. Whitten.

#### HOLLAND

On Feb. 20, 1925 the death angel visited the home of J. E. Holland and called away their precious little daughter, Ella. Age 11 years and eight months. All was done that loving hands could do but Jesus saw best to call her home.

We weep not as those without no hope for we feel that she is at rest. She leaves to mourn her death, father, mother, two sisters, two brothers and a host of relatives and friends.

Precious daughter, thou hast left us, Left us, yes, forevermore. But we hope again to meet her, On that bright and happy shore.

So lonely the home, and sad the hours, Since our darling from us has gone; But O, a brighter home than ours, In heaven is now her own.

Oh, dear Ella, how we miss you, And our loss we deeply feel; But 'tis God that has bereft us, He can all our sorrows heal.

Yet again we hope to meet you, When the day of life is fled; And in heaven with joy, we'll greet thee, Where no farewell tears are shed.

We miss thee from our home, dear Ella, We miss thee from the place; A shadow o'er our life is cast, We miss the sunshine of thy face. —Mrs. Ike Kersey, Thornton, Ky.

### WORK PROSPERING IN MARYLAND

FRUITLAND, Md.—I want to praise God for saving, sanctifying and giving me the blessed Holy Ghost, and for victory in my soul, just now.

I thank Him for sending Bro. Harvey Nips and Bro. and Sister Bloomingdale to Maryland, who have all fought the enemy and have done a great work. The devil surely has been at work in Maryland, but God's faithful children have come out victorious so far.

I am only a farmer, but if God has anything for me to do, I am willing to do it. We are now ready to begin building a church in Salisbury.—William E. Arvey.

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A. L. Jenkins

So many cannot be in service and hear the Word of God preached yet I'm sure each one has a Bible in your home, so let's look to its value just a little while.

Now we admit the words of Jesus are truly of God for He was God manifest in the flesh, in fact He was the Word made flesh. We read that He cannot lie, He is holy, is faithful and merciful. God is love and He changeth not. Surely, we can trust Him. As a father pitieth his children, so the Lord pitieth them that fear Him. The richness of His mercy, the boundless depths of His love. His words go forth, spoken out on infinite love. "I will never leave thee nor forsake thee." He is one on whom we can depend.

Saints of all ages drank from this fountain, it revived them. When the flames at the stake destroyed their bodies and set their spirits free to wing their flight beyond all pain and death, the Word of God told them, "Be thou faithful unto death and I will give thee a crown of life." Now let us consider the ability of him who speaks, we read: "I am the almighty God and all power is given unto me, in heaven and in earth." Let us remember that His kingdom ruleth over all.

Thank God, His ability is sufficient to supply all our needs, yes, and more, for does not Paul say that He is able to do "exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think." If we can get it in our hearts as we should what a bulwark it will be against the power of sin. Paul told the Colossians to let the Word of Christ dwell in them richly. Make your hearts a treasure house for the Word of God. It is life unto us now, not only in the spiritual sense but also for our physical nature.

The word made flesh dwelling in us to-day. He lives in His people, is bread from heaven feeding our hearts. The meat to feed the tender babes; the strong meat for the older ones. His Word brings us life and keeps us alive, and if you obey it I declare that you will be a healthy growing Christian and if all of our members eat of this Word our churches will not be lacking on any line.

His Word permits the present order of things to continue, upholding all things by the word of His power. Without it the heavens would fall; the earth would go to pieces and all creatures be destroyed, yea, all these pass away, but the Word of God abideth forever. Thank God for His Word, let's stand on it as we fight discouragements and God will honor our efforts, then we can see the Church of God come out of confusion and the light of God's Word shine in.

The Word is a lamp unto our feet and a light unto our pathway, "so let us walk in the light of the Word and God's richest blessings will fill your life with peace and joy."

Now let us all be loyal to the Word, and the Church of God in Oklahoma this year and we'll be sure to find a wonderful satisfying portion.

#### THE SAINTS WERE STRENGTHENED IN FAITH

LAMBERT, Miss.—We have just closed a few days' meeting here with Bro. P. F. Fritz, in charge.

The Lord blessed Him in giving unto the Word and I feel sure many souls were stirred, and the saints were strengthened in the faith, with a greater zeal for God than ever before.

May God help us to press forward and be able to escape all these things that are soon to take place.

We are facing a terrible crisis and the awful tribulations are not far distant.—Maud Medlin.

#### PRAISES GOD FOR THE COMFORTER

CLEVELAND, Miss.—I feel impressed this morning to speak a word through the Evangel for my Saviour who has done so much for me.

Ah, friends, I don't see how I could get along without Jesus, He is my daily guide and I thank Him for this sweet Comforter that abides within my soul just now, which came into this temple of mine about three years ago with the Bible evidence of speaking in other tongues as the Spirit gave utterance.

Oh, how it breaks my heart to see intelligent people drifting from God, and I would be glad for a voice that I could speak loud enough that this whole world might hear the warning, "Get ready, get ready, repent, repent." Just to think of how Jesus suffered and died on the cross to redeem fallen humanity and then to see them so unconcerned about their own souls.

Lord help us to be up and doing while it is called day for we realize that the night cometh when no man can work.—Mittie L. Blount.

#### REVIVAL IN ILL.—12 BAP- TIZED WITH HOLY GHOST

WEST FRANKFORT, Ill.—The power is still falling in West Frankfort, Ill. We have just closed a two weeks' meeting at this place with great victory.

The power fell almost every service; the saints shouted and were very much built up.

Bro. D. P. Barnett did the preaching and surely did preach the Word in its fulness.

Fifteen were saved, five reclaimed, thirteen sanctified twelve received the Holy Ghost, and fourteen were added to the church.—Reports Toney Ford.

#### THE WAY GETS BRIGHTER EVERY DAY

GRIMESLAND, N. C.—I want to praise the Lord this morning for what He is to me and for the way He blesses in our home.

I am saved, sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost with Bible evidence of speaking with other tongues as the Spirit gave the utterance.

I want my life to be a blessing and want to live this life so pure, clean and humble that people will see that there is reality in serving a true and living God.

Oh, it is so sweet to trust in Jesus and when we get sick just trust Him right on, and take Him at His word.

We have nine children who are out of the ark of safety and I want all who pray to remember them that they may be saved before it is too late.

We have been in this way for seventeen years and the way gets brighter every day.

Some day if we prove true, we shall trade the old cross for a crown.—J. H. Paramore and wife.

#### A NEW FIELD, GOOD OPENING FOR REVIVAL

MURFREESBORO, Tenn.—I am glad of the privilege of praising the dear Lord for a salvation that I know about.

I belonged to the Methodist church for some time but after going to the Church of God a few times I found that they had something I did not have, so when they held a revival and I heard the Word given out in its fulness, I was determined to have the blessing, and one night it rained the service out at the church, there were only a few met and had service at one of the neighbor's house.

I was sanctified that night and in a few days received the Holy Ghost.

There are no Church of God people living near us now, and they have never heard holiness preached. I gave my neighbors some of my Evangel and they seemed to like them fine.

We are going to try to get some Church of God preacher to come here and hold a meeting some time this year.

Pray for my mother who cannot walk to be healed, also pray for me.—Mrs. Sam Patterson.

#### STATE OVERSEER OF TEXAS VISITING THE CHURCHES— 36 RECEIVE HOLY GHOST

DODD CITY, Texas.—About Jan. 23, Bro. R. P. Johnson, our state overseer informed me that he would be at my place the next week and make a visit to some of the churches at different places, advising me to arrange the appointments as thought best.

We started on Wednesday night shortly after this and visited our home church, Glenwood first, which is four miles north of Lanius. We had a right good service and from there we motored to Lone Elm which is five miles northeast of this place, and I shall not soon forget the sermon that Bro. Johnson delivered which was on "The Coming of the Lord."

The next night we held service at Lanius, there we had a glorious service, also the next night which was Sunday night and since the Lord was blessing in such a wonderful way, we continued the meeting for a week.

I think ten or twelve received the baptism, and on Sunday evening the Chessier Brothers with Mrs. and Sister M. were arrived, who continued with us for two weeks, during which time about eighteen received the Holy Ghost.

We all hated to see the meeting close but they had an appointment at P. M. so we gave a recess until the next Thursday night, when Bro. Johnson promised to be back with us after starting the meeting at Paris.

But when he arrived, to our regret, announced that he could be with us no longer than the next night, we decided to run it on another week with our own home force, which we did and about four more received the Holy Ghost, bringing the number to about 36. Now there were a great number saved, and sanctified but I have forgotten the exact number. Twenty-two were added to the church and several more are expected to come in later.

Wife and I will start another meeting tomorrow night (Wednesday), eight miles south of this place. Pray for our continued success.—S. J. Wood.

#### A CALL TO THE WORK OF THE LORD

WILLISTON, Fla.—I want to sound a note of praise through the Evangel this morning to my blessed Saviour and King for His goodness to me.

As I write these few words this morning, my mind goes back over the past of my life, of many heart-aches and failures. How I thank my blessed Saviour for taking care of me through it all, and am calling upon Him daily to help me to live closer to Him and do more in the future than I ever have in the past. I remember one special time when I was growing cold and indifferent, neglecting my soul's salvation, the Lord would talk to me about it. I was going right on down when He spoke to me and showed me a dark deep abyss that I was going into. I was almost there when He said, "If you ever get there, you will never get back," and you may know that opened my eyes to my condition, and I made haste to return to my Saviour, and it was a wonderful feeling when He spoke peace to my soul again.

I am writing this as a warning, don't ever let anything come between you and the Saviour. I feel that the Lord has a work for me to do and so pray for me to stay humble.

Pray that the Lord will heal my eyes.—Mrs. A. L. Long.

#### ONE OF HIS REDEEMED ONES

MONROE, La.—I am praising the Lord to-night because I'm one of His redeemed ones. I praise Him for the Holy Ghost with evidence of speaking with other tongues as the Spirit gives utterance, and I am certainly not ashamed to own Him, for He has said in His Word that if we were ashamed of Him He would be ashamed of us.

I want to lift Him up to the dying world and live a life that is pleasing to Him. Pray for me that I may do His will.—Lucille Day.

#### IN THE GRAND OLD HIGHWAY OF HOLINESS

SILVER POINT, Tenn.—I want to speak a few words through the Evangel for what He is to me.

I truly praise the Lord for saving me from a life of sin, sanctifying and baptizing me with the blessed Holy Ghost, with Bible evidence of speaking with other tongues as the Spirit gives utterance.

I am glad to say that I am in this grand old highway of holiness where no unclean thing shall pass therein.

I'm so glad to be worthy of being a member of the church that the gates of hell shall not prevail against, and I surely want to have oil in my vessel and my lamp shining bright when Jesus comes for me.

It is my heart's desire to ever do God's will and win souls for Jesus.—Myrtle Lafever.

#### BELIEVES THIS IS THE RIGHT WAY

LACOCHEE, Fla.—I feel impressed to send in my testimony to the paper, although I am not a member of the Church of God, but truly hope to be in the near future.

Two years ago, I lived in Plant City, Fla., where there were quite a few Church of God people and I enjoyed their meetings so well that I consented to have prayer meeting in my home, and some times had a preacher to come and preach.

They prayed for me but I did not do much praying myself so I guess there was not much good done, but I am praying more every day, and earnestly ask the prayers of all the saints that my husband and I may receive the blessings that are in store for us, as we both believe this to be the right way. Also pray for my father and my husband's mother, that they may see the light on holiness.—Mrs. A. C. Dinkins.

#### ANointed HANDKERCHIEF APPLIED TO EYES, HEALED

EAST AKRON, Ohio.—I want to praise God this evening for how He keeps me free from sin.

I am saved, sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost and added to the great Church of God.

I want to tell how the Lord healed my eyes. My mother sent a handkerchief to Bro. Rouse for the healing of her body, and when the handkerchief reached my home, I felt the mighty power of God, and when I laid the handkerchief on my eyes they were healed. They had been so bad, that I could not stand for the light to be turned on, but praise His dear name, the work was done and I am now healed, for which I give God all the glory.

I want to do more for the dear Lord than I have done in the past, and be ready when He comes or calls for me.

Pray for me, also pray for my family that my son will be saved.—Sarah Norris.

#### REVIVAL FIRES IN KENTUCKY

We have just closed a very successful revival here. Bro. Jno. E. Attey, of Mt. Vernon, Ill., was in charge of the preaching. There were twelve converted, nine sanctified, four received the Holy Ghost and eight united with the church and others to follow.

The meeting began Feb. 23, and continued till March 10. We had good attendance and Bro. Attey surely did give out the Word in its fulness. We know that eternity alone can reveal the good that was done and we're sure that Bro. Attey has made many friends at this place.

Besides being a very able evangelist he is among our best of pastors and is more than willing to instruct and assist in efficient organization. We are sure that no church would make a mistake in securing him as an evangelist.

Our Sunday school is prospering with Bro. Blane Adams as superintendent, and we are expecting a victorious year, for the Church of God in Kentucky.—F. R. Harrawood.

### The God of the Living

#### In the Day That Adam Sinned He died.

Mrs. A. L. Edson Brown  
"God is not the God of the dead, but of the living." Matt. 22:32.

The word "dead," we know, is constantly used in Scripture in a double sense as meaning those who are dead spiritually as well as those who are dead naturally, and in either sense the words are alike applicable.

"God is not the God of the dead," His not being the God of the dead signifies two things, that they that are without Him are dead as well as they who are dead are also without Him, thus in the account given of the fall of man, the sentence of death and of being cast out of Eden go together, and if anyone compares the description of the second Eden in Revelation and recalls how especially it is there said that God dwells in the night of it, and is its light by day and by night, He will see that the banishment from the first Eden means a banishment from the presence of God, and in the day that Adam sinned, he died; for he was cast out of Eden immediately, however long he may have moved about afterwards upon the earth where God was not.

Words that express completely the feeling that "God is not the God of the dead," this appears to be the sense generally of the expression used in various parts of the Old Testament, "Thou shalt surely die."

It is no doubt, left obscure; nor are we ever told in so many words all that is meant by death, but surely it always implies a separation from God, whatever the notion may extend to—the being dead to Him, and if He is not their God, they are, and must be according to the Scriptures, recorded among the dead.

But God is the God of the living, that is, as before all who are alive, live unto Him, and all who live unto Him are alive.

God said: "I am the God of Abraham, and the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob," and therefore says our Lord, "Abraham, Isaac and Jacob are not dead, they cannot be dead, because God owns them; He is not ashamed to be called their God, therefore they are not cast out from Him, and therefore, by necessity they live."

Wonderful indeed, is the truth here implied, in exact agreement as we have seen with the general language of the Scripture, that as she who but touched the hem of Christ's garment was in a moment relieved from her infirmity, so great was the virtue that went out from Him.

So they who are not cast out from God, but have anything whatever to do with Him, feel the virtue of His gracious presence penetrating their whole nature; because He lives, they must live also.

Behold, then, life and death set before us, not remote, but

even now, present before us; even now suffered or enjoyed, even now we are alive unto God or dead unto God and also, the blessed knowledge that He is the "God of the living," grows upon those who are truly alive.

Surely He is not far from every one of us. No occasion of life fails to remind those who live unto Him that He is their God and that they are His children.

It is clear that these things, life and death, may hurry their lesson upon us sooner than we are prepared to receive it and that were indeed awful, if being dead, being dead to God, and yet little feeling it because of the enjoyments of our worldly life. If those enjoyments were suddenly taken away from us, and we should find then that to be dead to God was death indeed; a death from which there is no waking and in which there is no sleeping forever.

God is "not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance." 2 Pet. 3:9.

"Behold, now is the day of salvation." 2 Cor. 6:2.

A poem dedicated to my sister, Mrs. Emma Nash Bailey, by Mrs. A. L. Edson Brown.

"Who would live away, away from his God?"

Away from yon heaven, that blissful abode;

Where the rivers of pleasure flow o'er the bright plains, And the harps of gold pour out their glorious strains.

Where the saints of all ages in harmony meet, Their Saviour and brethren, transported to greet,

While the anthems of rapture unceasingly roll, And the smile of the Lord is the feast of the soul.

That heavenly music; What is it I hear?

The notes of the harpers ring sweet on my ear,

To see soft unfolding those portals of gold,

The king, all arrayed in His beauty, behold.

O, give me, O give me the wings of a dove,

Let me hasten my flight to those mansions above,

Ah, tis now that my soul on swift pinions would soar And in ecstasy bid earth adieu evermore.

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